
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2021

Fiscal Services Division

July 1, 2020



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Broadband Grants — OCIO

Purpose and History

This appropriation supports broadband grants as outlined in Iowa Code section [8B.11](#). The grant program was established in 2015 Iowa Acts, chapter [120](#) (Community Development and Infrastructure — Wireless Communications, Reinvestment District Access Act). The process for awarding grants is competitive and established in Code. Criteria for grant awards include existing broadband availability, the percentage of potential area users that will be provided broadband access, the economic impact of the broadband expansion to the area, the project budget, the match provided, and other criteria deemed relevant.

The State share of the project may not exceed 15.0% of the communication service provider's total project cost. Grants for this program shall not be awarded on or after July 1, 2020.

Funding — State General Fund

The General Assembly appropriated \$5.0 million from the General Fund for this program for FY 2020. This is the second year that the program has been funded. The program received a \$1.3 million appropriation from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund in FY 2019.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code section [8B.11](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [129—22](#)

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More Information

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